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TAGS: PINT, OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)
SUBJECT: SSRC TRIAL DEFENDANT ON MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG

REF: JOHANNESBURG 1949, 77 CAPE TOWN 840

1. SHUN CHETTY, ATTORNEY FOR ACCUSED IN UPCOMING SOWETO STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SSRC) TRIAL INFORMED EMBOFF ON AUGUST 16 THAT ONE OF THE ACCUSED, GEORGE TWALE, HAS GIVEN THE POLICE A STATEMENT ABOUT HIS PRIVATE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG AT THE JOHANNESBURG HOME OF HARRY OPPENHEIMER IN MAY, 1977. CHETTY SAID THE STATEMENT WAS MADE WHILE TWALE WAS UNDER SECTION 6 (TERRORISM ACT) DETENTION AND GIVES FULL ACCOUNT OF WHO WAS INVOLVED IN ARRANGING THE MEETING WITH YOUNG; SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS NAMED INCLUDE EMBOFF RICHARD BALTIMORE AND SEVERAL BLACK AND WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS.

2. ACCORDING TO CHETTY, SECTION 6 STATEMENTS ARE NOT ADMISSIBLE IN COURT. CHETTY IS UNCERTAIN HOW SAG MAY DECIDE TO USE THIS INFORMATION INVOLVING THE USG IN THE SSRC TRIAL. CHETTY REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT NOT COMMENT ON SUBJECT OF MEETING BETWEEN YOUNG AND SSRC DEFENDANT IF THIS BECAME PUBLIC UNTIL DEFENSE HAS WORKED OUT STRATEGY FOR TRIAL.
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